

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 1453

E.O. 11652 GDS  
TAGS: AFSP, PINS, LA  
SUBJECT: LAO VISA APPLICATIONS BY OFFICIAL US PERSONNEL

1. IN UNDERSTAND THAT CEO-T CLAISH HAS APPLIED IN BANGKOK FOR A VISA TO VISIT VIENTIANE. WE HAVE A GREAT NEED FOR HIS SERVICES AND HOPE LPDR WILL GRANT VISA PROMPTLY.
2. AS SOON AS WE LEARN THAT HOLBERT'S VISA HAS BEEN GRANTED WE SHALL FOLLOW UP WITH FONMIN ON CLAISH APPLICATION. MINISTRY INFORMED US OCTOBER 28 THAT IT HAD TELEGRAPHED AUTHORIZATION TO LPDR EMBASSY BANGKOK FOR ISSUANCE HOLBERT VISA OCTOBER 26. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN ACTUALLY ISSUED.
3. AS WE HAVE REPORTED IN SEVERAL MESSAGES RECENTLY, LPDR HAS BECOME VERY DIFFICULT ABOUT ISSUING VISAS TO OFFICIAL AMERICANS IF IT DOES NOT CLEARLY UNDERSTAND IN ADVANCE PURPOSE OF VISIT. REQUEST THEREFORE THAT NO U.S. PERSONNEL APPLY FOR VISAS AT LPDR EMBASSY BANGKOK WITHOUT PRIOR CLEARANCE WITH US SO THAT WE CAN LAY THE NECESSARY GROUNDWORK. EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT IT IS EASIER FOR US TO OBTAIN ISSUANCE OF A VISA WHEN WE CAN EXPLAIN IN ADVANCE TO PURPOSE OF THE VISIT THAN IT IS FOR US TO INTERVENE SUCCESSFULLY AFTER LPDR HAS REACTED ADVERSELY TO AN APPLICANT THE PURPOSE OF WHOSE VISIT IT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND.  
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